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Dear Criag,

As I've explained to you several times, I'm now 77 and an in imparied health. I simply cannot take time for chitchat correspondence and I'd like you to please not ask for more of it. Any letter like those I'm addressing I'll not respond to. I'm sorry you have been so insensitive about this and force me to be this explicit. This gets to what you say your girlfriend says, "a childish obsession." It is not childish but it is an obsession with you.

It would not be if you limited yourself to readings, if you had no further interest. That you should so limit yourself is indicated by what you next ask, first how can you obtain documents from the National Archives. The simplest answer is by writing and asking for them, and then sending a check for what they say the cost is. But do you know what to ask for? They can't do your research for you. You have to be specific. If you give them a name, like Ferrie, for example, they can tell you what copies of the records they have would cost. But what would you then have? Would that be all there is that is available on Ferrie? No, it would not be, because I got more from the FBI years later. So you'd not even be able to do complete research now with what they have, which is the Commission's records only, save for a few since transferred there. Last I heard the cost per page is $0.40. That soon mounts up! And they have several hundred cubic feet of records. Can you believe you would get anything of any real significance by mail based on what you know and could ask for?

I've not kept any list or record of the names and addresses or phone numbers of witnesses, doctors, photographers and others you describe as "involved." Frankly, if I had one, I'd not give it to you. All you could do is pester them and make them less likely to be interviewed if there were a good reason for any interviews in the future. And what gives you the ideal you could learn from them what others have not, others who had knowledge you do not have? Haven't you already developed an exalted concept of yourself?

Come out of the clouds.

With regard to the photographs whose pictures were not used by the Commission, that has been checked out by Texas reporter friends and where the pictures still exist save for the one they were valueless. That one is copyrighted now and individual frames, which mean nothing, were published by the Dallas Morning News. These frames mean nothing in telling us who was there but they have meaning in exposing the dishonesty of the official mythology.

Thanks for the offer of a copy of your questions of Wecht and his answers but I am not interested. We've been friends for years, havespoken often, and I can't see your getting him to remember what he'd not already said.

My wife is my age and has her own medical problems and limitations. She also has her own interests for which she does not have enough time. So I'm not even going to suggest to her that she start a correspondence with your girlfriend. Besides, if I did, she'd probably agree with your girl friend's opinion.

Public discussions of significant issues is very important in a country like ours. I'm not trying to discourage that in any way. Rather have I suggested that you learn to distinguish between fact and fancy and your apparent inability to comprehend this confirms my belief that you should limit yourself to trying to learn what you can that is factual and not go around spreading the various but theories as fact.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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